

FOCAL POINT

Public Safety: P-25 Digital Radio System

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MAHER MASO

As your Mayor one of my responsibilities is to be the voice of Frisco to state and federal agencies during times of emergency. It is one of the roles that you hope you never have to fully implement but one that you must be prepared for at all times. During the last hurricane season I had the opportunity to work closely with our emergency responders

as we prepared for the storms that were headed our way. Thankfully, last season we were in the role of helping other agencies around the state instead of responding locally. But as I stated we must be vigilant and always ready to respond in our community. As part of our continuing efforts to remain prepared, we have recently begun the process of developing and installing a new state of the art public safety radio system. Frisco is always on the move regarding public safety and continually making improvements to include adopting new technology to ensure we remain on the forefront in this area of public service. Below is a little history on this system and why it is being developed now.

Since 1998 the cities of Frisco, Allen and Plano have been in a joint radio communications system to provide police, fire and other city (public works, parks, etc.) radio services. At the time this joint system was conceived and installed, the cities of Frisco and Allen were small. The use of a jointly-operated system with Plano made perfect operational and fiscal sense for all of us. As part of the participation agreement for the joint system there were included provisions for when

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Celebrate the 'most wonderful time of the year' with the City of Frisco

This 2009 holiday season the City of Frisco is hosting the traditional events families look forward to each year along with a couple of new chances to celebrate the season.

Our signature holiday event, the **19th Annual Merry Main Street**, is back December 5 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Simpson Plaza at City Hall (6101 Frisco Square Blvd.) Join us for the kick-off of the Christmas season featuring the arrival of Santa Claus at 5 p.m. sharp.

Activities and entertainment will include: three stages of holiday music by Frisco Elementary School choirs, live reindeer, horse-drawn carriage rides, Frisco Express train rides, American Railroad Museum train display, snowflake light show, and the lighting of the Frisco Christmas Tree (approx. 6 p.m.)

Don't forget your cameras for photos with Santa. Make sure you are on his 'nice' list.

There is a small fee for some of the activities at this event.

The **Kid's Holiday Store** provides an opportunity for children 12 and younger to find something special for mom, dad, grandparents or even a brother or sister. Everything in the store is priced at \$5 or less. We will even gift wrap it for you.

Also on December 5 enjoy **Breakfast with Santa and Friends**. Jolly Ole' St. Nick, Frosty and Rudolph will greet children at the Senior Center at Frisco Square (6670 Moore Street)

Two breakfast times are available 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. to noon. You must attend the time for which you purchase tickets. Tickets are \$12 per person (children younger than two are



free). Children must attend with a parent. Tickets go on sale Friday, November 6.

The fun continues on Saturday, December 12 at the Santa Skate from 3-6 p.m. at the Dr Pepper Arena (2601 Avenue of the Stars). Tickets are \$10 per person and include skate rental, a hot dog, chips and a drink. Both skater and non-skater tickets are available. In addition, the Texas Tornado Hockey Club will be offering photos with Santa from 5-6 p.m. The proceeds from the photos will benefit Frisco Family Services. Tickets for Santa Skate will go on sale Friday, November 6.

After Santa Skate, stay to cheer on the Texas Tornado as they take on the Wichita Falls Wildcats at 7 p.m. Stay close to all the action with End Zone seats for only \$8 per person. Tickets for the game must be purchased separately. Contact Amanda Dougherty at 972-335-9800 (ext. 239) to receive this great discounted ticket offer. The deadline for this offer is December 9.



Holiday Happenings in the City of Frisco
FriscoMerryMainStreet.com



Thumpety, Thump, Thump – calling all you jolly souls to join us for the **4th Annual Frosty 5K and Merry Mile**. This year's race will be held Saturday, December 12. The Merry Mile Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m. with the 5K run beginning at approximately 8:30 a.m. The race will start and finish at City Hall Plaza, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

This year the event has been expanded to include special team discounts, and awards will be given out in the categories of Most Creative, Best T-shirt, Best Team Spirit and Largest Team Participation. The 5K race will also



include awards for the top three finishers in each of the 14 age groups, Best Overall male and female, and a Masters 40+ male and female award. Pre-registration is open now through December 9 at noon. Pre-registration is \$16 per person for the Merry Mile. The Frosty 5K is \$20 per person or sign-up as a team. Registration on race day is \$30 per person for the Frosty 5K and \$20 per person for the Merry Mile (cash or check only). Complete registration information is available online.

2009's holiday happenings also

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Is a champion growing in your yard? Frisco's 2009 Champion Tree Competition underway

Where is the 'most unique' tree in Frisco? The 2009 Champion Tree Competition is underway. Winners will be announced during this year's annual Arborfest Celebration on Saturday, November 7. The event will be held at Frisco Commons Park, 8000 McKinney Road, beginning at 9 a.m. Members of the Urban Forestry Board will educate guest about our own urban forest through some of the beautiful tree specimens at Frisco Commons.

Winners of the 2009 tree contest will receive plaques. The celebration will conclude within the hour and end with the ceremonial tree planting.

Categories for this year's tree competition are black walnut and 'most unique' tree. All entries must be on private property and located within Frisco city limits. Entry forms are available at the Frisco Parks & Recreation administrative offices, 6726 Walnut Street. The deadline for contest entries is



Friday, October 30 at 5 p.m.

Arborfest is sponsored by the Frisco Urban Forestry Board and Parks and Recreation Department. For more information call 972-292-6500.

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the partners outgrew the utility of a joint system and that having our own communications systems would become the best operating environment for each of member city.

Frisco reached that point where public safety radio covered in the northern part of the city required vast improvement, and the volume of radio traffic made the requirement for our own system obvious. During the 2006 general election the citizens overwhelmingly authorized the issuance of \$8 million in general obligation bonds for the development of Frisco's public safety communications system. Those bonds were sold in 2008 and must be spent on this project.

The first step in this process was for the City to bring on a consulting firm that has the skill sets to assist staff with the development of the new communications system. This firm was

approved by the Frisco City Council on January 2, 2008. The chosen firm is a premier system design company who has developed systems all over the nation with some of their current customers being the cities of Plano and Houston.

The process is "turn-key" in that it includes the development of a communications concept plan, determining the optimal system configuration, assisting with development of a Request for Proposal package for the equipment and installation as well as monitoring the installation and deployment of the system. The approved plan that came from this process called for a "digital" system versus the current "analog" technology. The easiest explanation I can give for this change is the difference you see at home in the old analog television signals and the new digital signals. This technology will provide additional radio system services that are not available today.

Upon completion of the communications concept plan staff sought approval from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Frisco City

Council for a 'Special Use Permit' for the construction of a self-supporting tower (no guy wires - "Tower"), as well as an underground cable that will be required to connect the radio tower to the Police Headquarters building. This request received final approval on December 16, 2008. You have probably seen this new facility next to the police building. The Police Headquarters building will be the main operating location for the new radio system; however, there will also be additional antenna and equipment at the Eldorado water tower and the Emergency Operations Center ("EOC") at Central Fire Station. This design allows for excellent radio coverage of the city and provides for redundancy in the system, so if one part of the system fails it will continue to work in times of crises. We will even be able to relocate our police and fire dispatching from its "home" at Police Headquarters to either the EOC or to the new Mobile Command Post if required to continue emergency operations.

After the system design was approved we requested responses

Thanksgiving Holiday Hours

The City of Frisco's administrative offices and the Frisco Public Library will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no trash or recycling services for Frisco residents on Thursday, November 26. If your collection day is Thursday, your pick up moves to Friday, November 27. Pick up moves to Saturday, November 28 for those residents who normally have Friday pick up.

Look for a complete listing of holiday hours for specific city facilities online at FriscoTexas.gov.

from bidders for the purchase of the radio system equipment. The Frisco City Council accepted and approved a proposal from Motorola on March 3, 2009. With the approval of the final design and procurement contract, equipment began to be ordered. As of today installation is well underway. Currently, the schedule calls for the radio system to be "functional" (which means it will be up and operating but not being used on a fulltime basis) by the end of 2009. During this functional period the system will be going through a series of acceptance tests to be sure it works as it was designed before the City "accepts" it from the vendor. The current plans then calls for the system to become "operational" (being used fulltime by PD and FD) by the second quarter of 2010. Once our public safety personnel are on this new system it will be another invaluable tool that will be fully integrated into our overall response plan.

Regards,
Mayor Maher Maso

Looking for detailed information about a City of Frisco service or event? Check out FriscoTexas.gov, your complete guide to the city government. Look for the latest alerts and press releases on the home page, or sign up to receive City of Frisco news to your email address. To subscribe, go to the home page and click on 'E-News'.

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select live programming or city council meetings from the Video on Demand page. Live city council meetings air the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Network (FTVN) live, 24-hours a day -- including Frisco City Council meetings -- online. From the home page, click on the green 'Watch' icon on the right-side menu. You will automatically connect to the 'Video on Demand' page. You can also

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Sign up to get tweets about the latest City of Frisco news and events.

Twitter.com/CityofFriscoTX.



Time to Chunk Your Junk this fall



Frisco residents, the city's Environmental Services division has the perfect opportunity for you to safely dispose of items cluttering up your home or garage. The fall Chunk Your Junk event will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. It will be located at 6616 Walnut St. Entry will be from southbound First Street only. Other entries will be closed.

For directions to the facility, call 972-292-5900 or go to

www.FriscoTexas.gov/recycle.

The following items can be brought for safe disposal, recycling, or donation. In order to reduce idling time, the items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded at the event. Please load your vehicle accordingly.

- Documents for shredding
- Cardboard
- Metal and appliances*
- Yard waste, limbs, and untreated wood for mulching
- Fencing
- Styrofoam and other trash
- Household chemicals, paint,

gasoline, oil, batteries, pesticides

- Computers, printers, cell phones, other e-waste
- Old clothes, furniture, books, etc. for donation

The city will accept one television per household, per visit at no charge. Televisions must have a 36 inch screen or smaller to be accepted. There is no cost to residents, but you must show your current driver's license with a Frisco address as well as a copy of your current water bill to prove residency.

In fact, a driver's license and current water bill are required for

all chemical, electronic and appliance items dropped off. *There is also a \$40 charge for all appliances and items requiring Freon extraction. That fee will be applied to your next utility bill.

A free paper shredding service will be provided. A four box limit per household will be accepted, with sizes not to exceed 12"W x 15.5" L x 10.5" H. No commercial accounts will be accepted.

Large crowds are expected so please come early. The line will be cut off at 11:30 a.m. to ensure all residents already waiting are serviced.

Change your batteries when you 'fall back'



According to the International Association of Fire Chiefs, 83 percent of all civilian fire-related deaths are a result of home fires. On average, nearly two children die in these kinds of fires daily. An early warning can provide critical extra seconds to escape. Smoke alarms double your family's chance of getting out of a home fire alive — but only if they work.

So when you turn your clocks back on November 1, make a life-saving change in your household — change the batteries in your smoke alarms too. This simple habit takes just a few minutes, but is the best defense your family has against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Please share this information with your friends and family, so they can make the simple change that could save their lives.

These volunteers really clean up!



Volunteers with Big Brothers Big Sisters recently made a clean sweep of their Adopt-a-Street location by cleaning up trash on Lebanon Road from Dallas Parkway to Preston Road.

When you adopt a street you agree to maintain a two mile

stretch of a Frisco roadway for one year. Clean ups must be conducted at least four times a year. All supplies such as grabbers, vests, and gloves are provided by the city before each clean up to make sure you have a safe clean up event.

If you or your group is interested in signing up, go online to FriscoTexas.gov/recycle to get to the Environmental Services home page. On the left-side menu, click on 'Adopt-a-Street'. You can also contact Frisco's Environmental Services at (972) 292-5900.

'Fall back' on your outdoor watering

Making seasonal adjustments for cooler — and wetter — weather is a simple way to reduce water waste and keep your landscape healthier as it goes dormant this winter.

As you set your clocks for Central Standard Time

on November 1, also change the settings on your sprinkler system. If necessary, water only once-per-week on your trash day, or simply turn your controller "OFF" unless Frisco's weekly watering updates recommend additional watering.

FALL & WINTER SCHEDULE (CST)

Using a Sprinkler System

Time-of-Day Restrictions

Overseeding with Rye Grass

During Precipitation, Temperatures Below 40°F

1 Day/Week Recommended

None

Permitted, Not Recommended

Not permitted

Sign Up for Free Weekly Watering Recommendations

The Waterwise program will send you a weekly email and provide you with

watering recommendations, based on data collected from Frisco's weather station. Following the recommendations will help you keep a healthier landscape from

spring through winter.

Signing up is free and easy. Visit FriscoTexas.gov/water and learn about more ways to be Waterwise!

Put safety first for 'spooktacular' Halloween

Halloween and trick-or-treating are popular traditions, but the excitement of the evening can cause some to forget about safety. Following a few simple guidelines can go a long way to make Halloween a safe and enjoyable evening.

- Purchase only costumes, wigs and props labeled flame-resistant or flame-retardant. When creating a costume, choose material that won't easily ignite if it comes in contact with heat or flame.

- Dried flowers, cornstalks and crepe paper are highly flammable. Keep these and other decorations well away from all open flames and heat sources, including light bulbs, heaters, etc.

- Use extreme caution when decorating with candles, and supervise children at all times when candles are lit. When lighting candles inside Jack-O-Lanterns, use long, fireplace-style matches and be sure to place lit pumpkins well away from all combustible items. Pumpkins can also be illuminated with small, inexpensive flashlights or battery operated tea lights.

- Remember to keep exits clear of decorations, ensuring nothing blocks escape routes.

- Use flashlights as alternatives to candles or torch lights when decorating walkways and yards. They are much safer for trick-or-treaters, whose costumes may brush against the lighting.

- Instruct children to stay away from open flames or other heat sources. Be sure children know how to stop, drop, cover and roll in the event their clothing catches fire. (Stop immediately, drop to the ground, covering your face with your hands, and roll over and over to extinguish flames.)

- Instruct children who are attending parties at others' homes to locate the exits and plan how they would get out in an emergency.

- Provide children with lightweight flashlights to carry for lighting or as part of their costume.

- Have adults check the candy before it's eaten

Monthly Road Project Update

The City of Frisco Engineering Services Department has the most current information on road projects available online. Go to www.friscotexas.gov/projectupdate.

1. City Hall Parking Garage

Scope: Construction of a five-story parking structure to accommodate roughly 578 cars. Design was completed in August 2009. Bids were opened in September 2009. Construction should begin in late 2009. PRE-CONSTRUCTION

2. Frisco Square Boulevard Railroad Crossing

Scope: Construction of Frisco Square Boulevard across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. Project including railroad signals and crossing gates began in September 2008. BNSF Railroad crews completed the railroad crossing in late July. The project is now complete and open to traffic.

3. Eldorado Parkway (DNT - Preston Road) w/ overpass

Scope: Construction of three northern lanes and a third lane on the south side for a six-lane divided roadway with median and an overpass at the BNSF Railroad. Construction began in June 2009. Grading, sub-grade moisture conditioning, and installation of storm sewer pipe is currently underway. Estimated completion of construction is early 2011.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

4. FM 2934/Eldorado Parkway (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. TxDOT opened bids in February 2008. Construction began September 2008. Traffic was switched to the new six-lane road in September. Contractor is working at the intersection of Legacy and Teel. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of 2009.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

5. FM 3537/Main Improvements (Custer-Preston Road)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. This project will be bid and constructed by TxDOT. TxDOT's engineer is currently revising plans. Design is estimated to be completed and bid on in summer 2010. Anticipated construction time is 24 months. DESIGN

6. FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado Parkway) Middle Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median. TxDOT bid this project on August 11, 2009. Austin Bridge and Road was low bidder. Construction will begin in early 2010 and is estimated to require 24 months to complete.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

7. FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Parkway - US 380) North Section

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median, including streetlights and traffic signals. Dannenbaum has submitted 95% plans for review by TxDOT and City staff. TxDOT will open bids for this project in summer 2010. Construction is estimated to require 24 months to complete. DESIGN

8. Dogwood Street & Meadow Lane (Main - McKinney)

Scope: Reconstruct Meadow Lane & Dogwood Street with concrete surface and curb and gutter. Construction began in January 2009. Construction was completed in August 2009.

COMPLETED

9. FM 2478/Custer Road

(Stonebridge - US 380)

Scope: Widen existing two-lane asphalt roadway to six-lane concrete divided roadway. TxDOT opened bids on January 13, 2009. Low bidder was Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating. Construction began in August 2009 and is estimated to take 26 months to complete.

CONSTRUCTION

10. Stonebrook Parkway (DNT to Preston Road)

Scope: Install 36 inch water-line, reconstruct westbound lanes to widen roadway to 6 lanes. Design is approximately 90 percent complete. Design is expected to be completed in early 2010. Construction is estimated to take 14 months to complete. DESIGN

11. SH 289/Preston Road (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway to replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway. TxDOT opened bids in October 2008. Franchise utilities are currently relocating utilities. Mario Sinacola and Sons began construction in August 2009 and is estimated to be completed in late 2011.

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

12. Stonebrook Pkwy (Legacy - Longhorn)

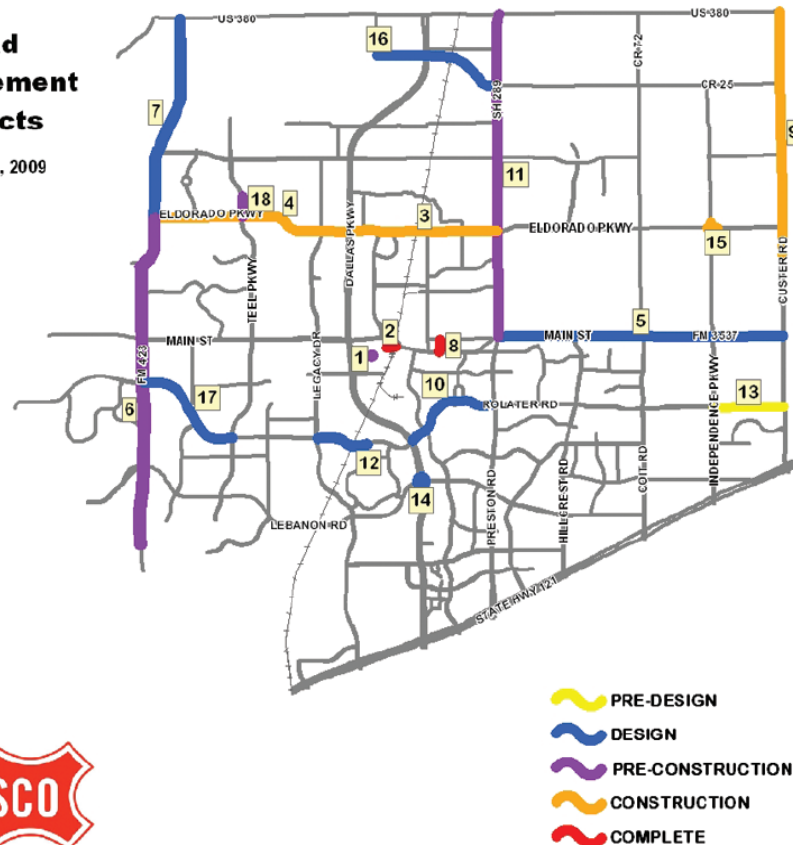
Scope: Construct four-lane roadway with an underpass at the BNSF RR, a railroad shoofly and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland, permits, & environmental coordination with Corps of Engineers. Design is 95 percent complete. Estimated start of construction is summer 2010. DESIGN

13. Rolater Drive (Independence Parkway - Custer Road)

Scope: Construct two east bound lanes to provide four-lane roadway including bridge

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October 5, 2009



over Rowlett Creek. Design is expected to be complete in fall 2009. Construction expected to begin in late 2009 and will take 10 months to complete. PRE-DESIGN

14. Lebanon & DNT Intersection Improvements

Scope: Construction of additional lanes of traffic for Lebanon to accommodate the NTA bridge widening. This project will increase the lanes on the EB and WB approaches to the tollway. Design by Kimley-Horn is approximately 95 percent complete. Construction is expected to begin in 2010 and take 7 months to complete. DESIGN

15. Eldorado/Independence Intersection Improvements

Scope: Widen roadway from

two to four lanes. Council awarded construction contract in March 2009. Concrete paving was completed in July. Completion of construction is expected by August 2009, prior to opening of new high school.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

16. Rockhill (Virginia Pkwy) (CR26 - Preston)

Scope: Construct six-lane roadway including a bridge over BNSF Railroad. Design is 50 percent complete and expected to be completed in 2010. Construction will begin when funding for the project is available.

DESIGN

NEW: 17. Stonebrook Parkway (FM 423 to 4th Army Memorial)

Scope: Construct a four-lane roadway between FM 423 and Teel and widen from two-lanes to four-lanes from Teel to 4th Army Memorial Drive is under design by Huitz Zollars. Design is 30 percent complete and expected to be completed in late 2009. Construction should be completed by late 2010.

18. Teel Parkway (Eldorado Parkway to Freestone)

Scope: Construct the two northbound lanes to complete the four-lane roadway. Project includes lighting, irrigation and landscaping from Eldorado to Panther Creek Parkway. Bids were opened on September 17, 2009 with Mario Sinacola and Sons Excavating being the low bidder. Construction should begin in November 2009 and be completed in six months.

Thanks for making National Night Out 2009 a Success



On October 13, communities across Frisco made this year's National Night Out (NNO) a celebration against crime in our community. Due to the threat of rainy weather, 25 percent of registered block parties canceled, but Frisco Police and Fire Staff along with elected officials still paid a visit to more than 100 NNO parties. All the parties included good food and family fun. For the senior residents at the Lodge at Preston Ridge, National Night Out was also karaoke night.

Frisco police are looking for public feedback for NNO 2010, which will be Frisco's 16th year to participate. Specifically, organizers want feedback to help determine whether to continue the October date or to return to the national date in August 2010.

Other highlights from National Night Out 2009 events:
Battle of the Badges
Blood Drive:



Over four days, those who donated also designated their favorite hometown heroes, police or fire. The Frisco Fire Department received the most votes this year.

Good vs. Good Basketball Game:

One October 3, police and fire staff faced off on the court for a good cause. Fire won the game 64 to 51, but the real winner was the Frisco Chapter of the Special Olympics. Ticket proceeds raised more than \$600 for the charity.

Green Home, Health Safety Fair

More than 1,000 people learned how to take better care of themselves and the environment September 26 at the Frisco Athletic Center.



The Green Home, Health and Safety Fair was a kick off to National Night Out activities. The event featured health screenings, public safety information, green home products and information from the city's own Green Building, Waterwise and Environmental Services programs.



HOMETOWN HAPPENINGS

November 2

- Public Art Board, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

November 3

- Downtown Advisory Board Meeting, 5th Floor Conference Room, 12 p.m.
- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

November 7

- Urban Forestry Board, 6726 Walnut St., 8:30 a.m.

November 9

- Frisco Square MMD meeting, 4:30, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 3rd Floor conf Rm 3A

November 10

- Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

November 11

- Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB), TBD, 12 p.m.
- Housing Trust Fund Board, Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

November 12

- Parks Board Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

November 17

- City Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.

November 19

- Arts of Collin County (ACC), City of Allen, 4 p.m.
- CDC Meeting, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd, 6:30 p.m.

November 23

- Frisco Neighborhood Watch General Meeting, Police Department, 7:30 p.m.

November 24

- Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Meeting, Council Chambers, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd., 5:30 p.m.
- Heritage Assn of Frisco Meeting, 6455 Page St., 7 p.m.
- North Texas Municipal Water District Meeting, 505 East Brown Street, Wylie TX 4:00 p.m.

Winter Frisco Fun Guide packed with thrills when chill in the air

Looking for things to do with your family this holiday season? Need a fun activity to keep the kids busy during the holiday breaks? The winter edition of the Frisco Fun Activity Guide has you covered.

Take a sneak peak at the classes and events offered through the Parks & Recreation Department online now at FriscoFun.org or pick-up a copy of the winter guide at one of the following locations: the Frisco Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, Parks & Recreation Administration Building or the Frisco Athletic Center.

Frisco Athletic Center members may begin registering for classes on November 2, with registration opening to everyone on November 4. Registration is available online at FriscoFun.org, by mail or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln. during regular hours of business.

9th Annual Gingerbread House Contest recipe for holiday fun



Let visions of sugar plums dance in your head while the aroma of gingerbread, peppermint and other decorative treats fill your kitchen. Showcase your culinary creativity in the 9th Annual Gingerbread House Contest. Ask a friend or family member to join you, and you have a recipe for holiday fun.

Information packets including rules, registration instructions and forms are available online at FriscoMerryMainStreet.com or may be picked up at the following locations: Frisco Public Library, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Frisco Athletic Center, Parks & Recreation Administration Building and the Senior Center at Frisco Square.

Entries are limited and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is available now through Tuesday, December 1. All entries will be on display in Frisco Square on Friday, December 4 until 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 5 during Merry Main Street.

Meet and mingle with bestselling author Sandra Brown

MARY GARNER

ADULT SERVICES LIBRARIAN



Friends of the Frisco Public Library presents an opportunity to meet and hear New York Times bestselling author

Sandra Brown at a "Meet and Greet" reception and author presentation on November 12. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. with the reception in the fifth-floor City Room of City Hall. Following the reception is the author's discussion of Brown's

two newest books, *Smash Cut* and *Rainwater*, at 7:30 p.m. in the first-floor City Council Chambers. The author will be available to sign her books, which will be offered for sale following the discussion.

Tickets for the author presentation and book signing are \$20. For the entire evening, including the reception the fee is \$35. Tickets for these limited-seating events may be purchased at the at the first-floor circulation desk of the library or online through PayPal at <http://FriscoLibraryEvents.com>.

A lifelong Texan, Sandra

Brown was born in Waco, grew up in Fort Worth, and attended Texas Christian University, where she was recently awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Since Brown began her writing career in 1981, she has published 72 novels, most of which remain in print. In 1990, *Mirror Image* made The New York Times bestseller list and each subsequent novel has become a Times bestseller. Brown now has 70 million copies of her books in print worldwide, and her work has been translated into 33 languages.

She is the winner of numerous writing awards, including the 2007 Texas Medal of Arts Award for Literature and the Romance Writers of America's Lifetime Achievement Award. Brown was also named Thriller Master for 2008, the top award given by the International Thriller Writers Association. Brown is in high demand as a speaker, so do not miss this opportunity to meet and visit with a No. 1 New York Times bestselling author.

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feature two new events, **Mrs. Claus' Holiday Tea Party** and **Prancer's Pool Party**. Join Mrs. Claus on Sunday, December 13 from 2:00 -3:30 p.m. at the Senior Center at Frisco Square (6670

Moore Street) as she celebrates the season with special holiday tea, hot chocolate, cookies and music. Guests will enjoy making a craft, and Mrs. Claus will share her favorite holiday story.

Registration is \$10 per person. Girls and boys three years and older are welcome to attend with a parent. Register online today at FriscoFun.org or in-person at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Lane. The regis-

tration deadline is Friday, December 4.

Parents sign your kids up for some reindeer games, pool fun, crafts, a movie and a special visit from Santa at **Prancer's Pool Party**. All the fun takes place at the Frisco Athletic Center on Monday, December 21 from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Kids ages 7-12 are welcome to attend. Participants should come dressed to swim,

but bring a change of clothes and a sack lunch. Register soon. Space is limited.

For more information on the holiday happenings offered by Frisco's Parks and Recreation Department contact Kari FitzPatrick at KFitzPatrick@FriscoTexas.gov. You can find all ticket and registration information for all the events online at FriscoMerryMainStreet.com.

Volunteers shine despite wet, cloudy weekend for Lone Star Storytelling Festival

More than 100 dedicated volunteers committed long hours to the 6th Annual Lone Star Storytelling Festival in Simpson Plaza on October 9 and 10. Rain and mud did not dampen the spirits of volunteers who dried chairs, directed buses, sold tickets, and ushered festival goers alongside staff of the Frisco Public Library.

The Frisco Women's League, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and North Texas area volunteers recruited by the City of Frisco filled 168 volunteer shifts.

Frisco Public Library staff and the Frisco Public Library Foundation are already working on plans for next year's festival and are hoping for fair weather and another cadre of dedicated volunteers.

Proceeds from the Lone Star Storytelling Festival go to the Frisco Public Library Foundation endowment for the benefit of Frisco Public Library services.

The City of Frisco always welcomes new volunteers. For future opportunities contact Kris Daniel, volunteer coordinator, at (972) 292-5078 or by email: kdaniel@friscotexas.gov.



LONE★STAR Storytelling Festival

The 2009 Lone Star Storytelling Festival was a great success due in large part to our generous sponsors. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the organizations listed below.

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Registration now open for 5th anniversary of Winter Games of Texas



The Winter Games of Texas, the largest multi-sport event in North Texas, returns to Frisco January 15-17, 2010 to celebrate its 5th Anniversary. More than a dozen different sports including gymnastics, figure skating, swimming, flag football, basketball, soccer and more will take place in venues around Frisco.

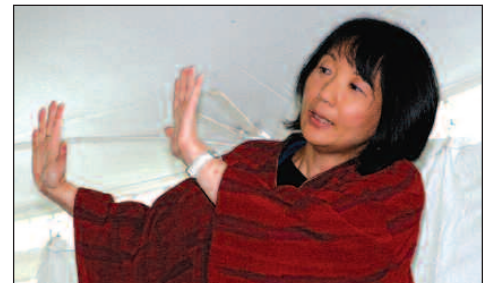


The games were created as a companion to the Summer Games of Texas in partnership with the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation, the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau and Frisco Parks & Recreation Department.

Go online now at www.taaf.com to sign up for an individual or team sport and you compete to win a gold, bronze or silver medal! For more information contact 972-292-5250.

Lone Star Storytelling Festival

Laugh out loud fun was easy to hear October 9 and 10 at Simpson Plaza in front of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center. The annual event featured internationally renowned storytellers, including Motoko (pictured right). Motoko combines the art of mime and the ancient art of storytelling to captivate her audience. Student storytellers also delighted audiences. Puppet shows and tile and pottery crafts rounded out the entertainment.



Mother Son Dance

Who would have guessed so many Frisco moms still know how to do the Macarena, or the dance steps to Michael Jackson's Thriller? On October 3, mothers and sons had fun on the dance floor at Wakeland High School for the annual Mother Son Dance. Many dressed up for the patriotic theme: "Salute to America". From traditional red, white and blue to camouflage the dance floor was flooded with colors that reflected the sentiment 'proud to be an American'.

